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In re application of:

Chernajovsky *et al.*

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Sir:

In advance of prosecution, Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks. 37 C.F.R. § 1.115; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.